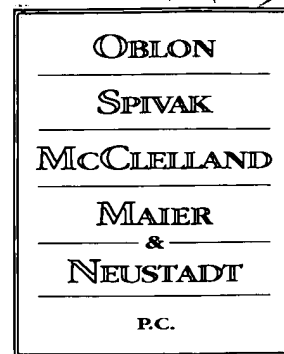




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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/881,670
Applicants: Ryuichi MATSUDA, et al.
Filing Date: June 18, 2001
For: POWER SUPPLY ANTENNA AND POWER SUPPLY
METHOD
Group Art Unit: 1763
Examiner: Luz L. Alejandro

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RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Official Action mailed September 25, 2002, Applicants elect with traverse Group I, Claims 1-12 and 16-17 drawn to an apparatus for further examination on the merits in the present application. Applicants make this election based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

Applicants, however, traverse the pending restriction requirement as Applicants believe examining Claims 13-15 directed to a power supply method would not place an undue burden on the Examiner. MPEP § 803 states the following:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

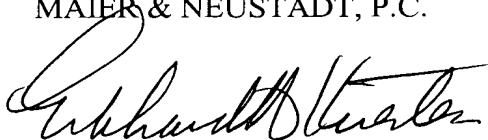
In view of the above-illustrated close similarities between the restricted claims and the ease of modern computer searching now available to the Examiner, the claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area, and it is respectfully

submitted that there would be little, if any, extra effort, i.e., "no serious burden," to examine all the pending claims in the present application, even if "the application includes claims to distinct or independent inventions."¹

Therefore, examination on the merits of Claims 1-12 and 16-17 is believed to be in order, and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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¹ MPEP §803.